

Remarks

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration of the outstanding office action is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has noted that the election of species as designed in a response filed on February 20, 2004, by Applicant was improper for failure to properly define a single specific species for the membrane protein as well as the substrate coating. Accordingly and without prejudice to the traverse elicited in the February 20, 2004 response, Applicant hereby designates the single specific species as follows:

Membrane Protein: G protein-coupled receptor

Substrate Coating: gamma-aminopropyl silane

Applicant identifies the following claims as readable thereon for further prosecution: 1-3, 7-10, 15-17, 19, 31, 51-56, 60-64, 68-72, 79, 84 and 86.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is necessary to make this Response timely. Should Applicant be in error, Applicant respectfully requests that the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as necessary to make this Reply timely, and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

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